

## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Greetings Members of the International Press,

We hope this letter finds you in good spirits. The Executive Board of the International Press at DRS MUN is delighted to welcome you to the formative experience that will be the 2026 DRS MUN conference. It is crucial that you, as journalists, capture the spirit of these talks, the range of viewpoints, and the feelings that permeate the conference. We believe that the media can effectively illuminate the intricate matters that will be discussed throughout this conference. We greatly appreciate your commitment to accuracy, truthfulness, and having a sharp eye for detail. Keep in mind that diplomacy and integrity must be reflected in your work because with great power comes great responsibility!

To the journalists, may your creativity flow faster than the speed of press releases, and may your vocabulary remain as extensive as your editor's patience. Your responsibility is to make the most mundane debates sound like a Netflix courtroom drama and transform the endless sessions into stories worth reading. You've got the writing skills and our full support. Remember, if debating is the art of persuasion, then journalism is the art of weaving erratic chaos into intrepid threads of truth.

Being a part of the International Press at DRS MUN will be an incredible experience, and we are ecstatic to have you on board. First-timers and experienced members of the International Press alike will have a chance to truly explore what your role as a journalist is. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any doubts or creative bursts. We hope to make this conference a welcoming and fun learning experience for you.

Regards,



Neha Kolluri  
IP Head



Banda Sai Karthik  
Editor-in-chief

## CODE OF CONDUCT

As members of the international press, you are expected to follow this code of conduct:

1. Maintaining a great deal of professionalism and diplomacy during the conference. Discipline and self-control is the way to do this.
2. Do not let any external bias influence the integrity of the International Press. You are expected to treat every delegate with the utmost respect and expect the same in return.
3. **Plagiarism is strictly prohibited**, and unreliable sources will not be accepted either. Every article will go through a plagiarism checker, and any duplicated work will be graded accordingly.
4. Be present in every committee session; tardiness is not appreciated!
5. Do not disturb the proceedings of the committee. This means keeping all electronic devices silent and not indulging in unnecessary banter.
6. Adhere to the dress code of the conference at all times. Casual clothing is a stern no.
7. Do not portray any form of unacceptable behavior during committee sessions or press conferences.

## **SUBMISSIONS:**

This section of the International Press Background Guide will explain to you the types of articles you may be asked to submit over the course of the MUN conference.

**Beat-Based Article:** A beat-based article is a specialized, factual article and can include direct quotes from delegates and/or statistical data. It revolves around one particular topic discussed in committee, better referred to as the “beat”. The article must be informative, with facts and credible sources to supplement the beat being reported about.

Word Limit - 250 to 350 words

**OP-ED:** Opinion Editorials are articles wherein the Journalists are expected to express their own point of view. A good OP-ED requires reason, facts, and passion to publish a trustworthy piece of work. Not only is the journalist expressing their views, but also giving the general public a new or more understandable perspective on the problem or topic at hand. Views bordering on propaganda or slander are not welcome. You are expected to back your opinions with facts and conduct proper analysis.

Word Limit - 500 to 600 words

**Interview and Interview reports:** A reporter is expected to interview either a delegate, a bloc, or a group of delegates, as per their convenience. The interview is strictly to comprise of questions relating to the agenda or committee and give the readers an insight as to where the delegates stand in terms of the agenda. Baffled delegates also give the journalists a chance to expose them in their articles. Interview content is allowed to be used during Press Conferences; this is its main

purpose. **They must only be taken during delegate breaks.** A report for an interview should consist of quoted lines and how they are either wrong or right.

Word Limit – 350 to 500 words

**General report:** General Reports are formal, neutral, and concise. General reports can be written either about a deliberation, a draft resolution, or any sort of event happening during the committee. They explain the happenings of a committee without personal bias, and Journalists have to ensure that they cover the event to its entirety. They need to ensure that someone who is not a part of the committee can still read a report to understand what is going on.

Word Limit – 300 to 350 words

**2 Day consolidated Report:** A general report that covers the committee happening over the course of the two full days of the conference.

Word Limit – 300 to 350 words

**Opinion poll:** This article should capture the different opinions posed in the committee on a particular topic; it should be accompanied by any form of a graph/pie chart.

Word Limit – 250 to 350 words

**Feature piece:** Features are articles where the Journalist gets to show their creativity to the maximum. Not essentially as important or relevant as an OpEd or a Report/Beat, features allow the journalist to unleash their creativity in the form of poetry, prose, diary entries, open letters, descriptive pieces, comedies, comic strips, etc. A feature piece must still maintain relevance to the committee's agenda or a topic being discussed within it.

Word Limit - 150 to 800 words

**Press Conference:** The press conference is when delegates are questioned by the International Press journalist assigned to their committee on the second day of the

MUN. The journalist may question any Delegate with regard to anything stated during their speeches, or mentioned in their interviews/chits passed, related to the agenda. Extensive research is mandatory to conduct this flawlessly. You will be expected to have your country-specific questions ready one day before the Press conference. Make sure they are very specific and try to find loopholes and incorrect information mentioned in their speeches. Technically, this is a roasting session. Trapping delegates with your words and asking unanswerable questions is what is expected of you!

## **ARTICLE FORMATS**

Title: Keep your titles short and catchy, but make sure you give the readers a bit of an insight into your article.

- Times New Roman
- Font Size: 14
- Center aligned
- Must be bold and underlined
- Do not exceed 12 words

Byline: A by-line is usually used for giving a basic description of what the article is all about; again, it must be catchy.

- Times New Roman
- Font size: 13
- Must be bold
- Left Aligned

## Content:

- Palatino Linotype/ Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- NOT bold or underlined
- Quotes must be italicized

- All delegates must be referred to in the third person only
  - Justified alignment only
  - Line spacing: 1.5
  - Paragraphing is required
- The entire article must be formatted to justified alignment
  - Abbreviations must be expanded on first use, followed by the abbreviated word in brackets. [Eg, The United States of America (USA)]
  - Use only the official allotted names of the countries (Eg, the Russian Federation, not Russia)
  - Any profanity or vulgar language is prohibited
  - Reporters are not allowed to take any content from unmoderated caucuses
  - Reporters are permitted to use Voice recording devices and any chits sent to the delegates as evidence
  - Everyone is expected to strictly adhere to deadlines, as every minute is valuable. Submitting articles late without prior notification to the Executive Board members will result in a deduction of marks.

**Formatting exemplar:**

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Eg, The “United” States of America leaves DISEC anything but United: The truth about their stance on the militarisation of outer space

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Eg, Neha Kolluri of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) enunciates about a heated quarrel between the United States of America (USA) and the Russian Federation from DISEC:

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## **REPORTER MARKING SCHEME**

Reporters will be marked on:

1. Quality of content produced
2. Structure, format, and presentation
3. Press conference
4. Relevance
5. Fluency
6. Research and diplomacy
7. Creativity
8. Demeanor/ overall behavior throughout the conference
9. Adherence to deadlines



